## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for datatype caching of an SQL template including two or more tokens, each token referencing a different SQL template or an object, comprising:

replacing each of the two or more tokens of the SQL template with an associated cast function to form a converted SQL template;

acquiring a datatype of the converted SQL template; and

storing in cache the acquired datatype of the converted SQL template with the SQL

template:

determining whether a descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified; and

in response to determining that the descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified, re-evaluating an SQL template for the descendent and cascading a modified datatype up to ancestors of the converted SQL template.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming a valid SQL statement from the converted SQL template.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein forming the valid SQL template comprises acquiring the datatype of the valid SQL statement.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein acquiring the datatype of the converted SQL statement comprises passing the valid SQL statement through an SQL processor.
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium including a computer readable program, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

replace each of two or more tokens of a SQL template with an associated cast function to form a converted SQL template;

acquire a datatype of the converted SQL template; and

store <u>in cache</u> the acquired datatype of the converted SQL template with the SQL template;

<u>determine whether a descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified;</u> and

in response to determining that the descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified, re-evaluate an SQL template for the descendent and cascade a modified datatype up to ancestors of the converted SQL template.

- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 8, further comprising instructions causing the computer to form a valid SQL statement from the converted SQL template.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein forming the valid SQL template comprises acquiring the datatype of the valid SQL statement.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein acquiring the datatype of the converted SQL statement comprises passing the valid SQL statement through an SQL processor.
- 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Currently Amended) A system for datatype caching of an SQL template including two or more tokens, each token referencing a different SQL template or an object, comprising: a computer;

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means for replacing each of the two or more tokens of the SQL template with an associated cast function to form a converted SQL template;

means for acquiring a datatype of the converted SQL template; and means for storing in cache the acquired datatype of the converted SQL template with the SQL template;

means for determining whether a descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified; and

means for in response to determining that the descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified, re-evaluating an SQL template for the descendent and cascading a modified datatype up to ancestors of the converted SQL template.

- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for forming a valid SQL statement from the converted SQL template.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the means for forming the valid SQL template comprises means for acquiring the datatype of the valid SQL statement.
- 19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the means for acquiring the datatype of the converted SQL statement comprises means for passing the valid SQL statement through an SQL processor.
- 20. (Canceled)

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